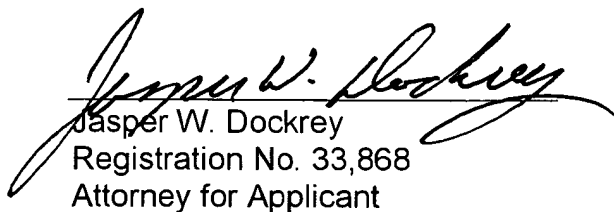


REMARKS

The applicants have amended claims 1-8 in order to properly present their claims for examination by the Office. The applicants have also amended their specification and abstract to bring these portions of their application into conformance with U.S. practice. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendment. The applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment prior to commencing examination of their application.

Respectfully submitted,


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